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b. [ ] the Autobahn will be extended beyond the Oder River bridge into the Polish-occupied territory of Germany, possibly in the direction of the Upper Silesian industrial area. (3)

4. [ ] work on the roadbridge over the Oder River was being accelerated. The new bridge will stand about 1 meter higher above the river than the previous bridge in order to make possible river shipping at high water. Work on the construction of the embankments for the approach road was already under way. The two lanes of the bridge, which is to be made capable of heaviest loads, are to be built successively. (2)

5. [ ] the wooden road bridge at the northern town exit of Prenzlau was being reinforced by cement piers and iron constructions. An S-curve in the highway immediately before the bridge was being straightened. (5)

6. [ ] preparations were made for the construction of a bridge across the Oder River in the course of the Berlin-Frankfurt/Oder Autobahn. (3)

7. [ ] in Frankfurt/Oder that an inn on Bergstrasse and various storage rooms of the Engelhardt brewery on Muellerroserstrasse were vacated to provide billeting facilities for workers who are to be employed on the construction of the Autobahn. (3)

8. [ ] all bridges across the Rhin River near Altrappin and Neumuehle will have to be reinforced by order of the Soviets. The present layer of planks, which are 50 cm thick, will have to be reinforced by two additional layers of planks so that the total thickness of the bridge floor will be 120 cm. The work, which was started on 30 October 1951, had not been completed on 6 November. (5)

9. [ ] the Reichenberger bridge across the Neisse River in Goerlitz has been redesignated "Bridge of Friendship". The wooden bridge was being replaced by a steel structure. [ ] steel construction was seen on the Polish side of the bridge. (6) The Altstadt bridge and the footbridges south and north of this bridge have been removed. (7)

#### Comments.

- (1) The reinforcement of bridges to a load capacity of 80 tons was reported by another source in late July 1951. [ ]
- (2) Negotiations on the replacement of the temporary bridge across the Oder River by a permanent structure have been going on for some time between Soviet, German and Polish agencies. Although work on the foundations of river piers was started in the summer of 1951, no agreement has been reached to date concerning the shape and length of the bridge spans. For last report on this project, [ ]
- (3) Before 1945, it was planned to extend the Berlin-Frankfurt/Oder Autobahn toward the east via Poznan and Warsaw. However, this plan was not executed. It now appears that the Soviets are interested in this plan. The extension of the Autobahn toward the east would be of the greatest importance for Soviet East-West road traffic. However, the execution of this project would be extremely

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difficult because of a general shortage of construction materials.

- 25X1 (4) Information on the construction of this highway was reported previously.  
For last report, [REDACTED]. The opening ceremony for the  
bridge in Tangermünde, which is 265 meters long, was mentioned in the  
Soviet Zone press. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 (5) These bridges will probably have to be reinforced in connection with the  
bridge reinforcement program mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report.
- 25X1 (6) Information on the Reichenberger Stadbridge in Goerlitz was transmitted  
previously. [REDACTED]. The replacement of the temporary wooden  
bridge by a permanent structure is reported for the first time.
- 25X1 (7) [REDACTED]